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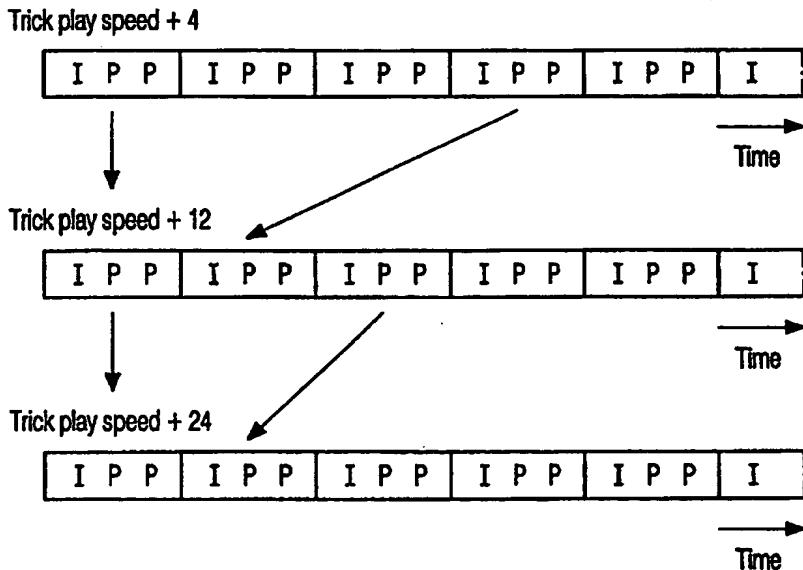
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to the generation of a trick play information stream from a normal play information stream, so that they can be recorded together as a composite information stream on the record carrier, such that upon reproduction in a trick play reproduction mode, an information signal of sufficient quality, e.g. as regards visibility, can be obtained. One aspect of the invention lies in the generation of GOPs, each GOP comprising an I-frame retrieved from the original normal play information stream, and one or more so-called "empty P frames". Another aspect of the invention is the requirement of generating GOPs for the trick play information stream that have a constant bitcost per GOP. Again another aspect of the invention lies in the retrieval of the I-frame for the trick play information stream from the normal play information. More specifically, an I-frame is generated by retrieving from an I-frame included in the normal play information, the DC coefficient of the I-frame and a number of AC coefficients from that I-frame and generate the I-frame for the trick play information stream therefrom. More specifically, the number of AC coefficients for an I-frame of the trick play information signal depends on the difference between the DC coefficients of two subsequent I-frames in the normal play information from which the I-frame to be generated and the just previously generated I-frame for the trick play information signal have been derived.



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WO 9613121 discloses a method of recording digital video information comprising merging means adapted to merge intra encoded pictures extracted from a digital video information signal with empty inter encoded pictures in order to form a trick play signal. WO 9613121 discloses the technical features of the invention as expressed in claims 1-2. These technical features are the only common features between the inventions 1-3 as stated below. Accordingly, claims 3, 6, 7 do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

Invention 1 - Claims 3-5, 13, 21, 23 relate to trick play signals in a digital video information recording apparatus.

The special technical feature of invention 1 is that a second trick play signal for faster reproduction speed can be generated by selecting group of pictures from the first trick play signal.

Invention 2 - Claims 6 relates to the bit cost of the groups of pictures of the trick play signal. The special technical feature of invention 2 is that these groups of pictures are generated with a constant bit cost.

Invention 3 - Claims 7-12, 14-20, 22 relate to compression of the intra encoded pictures of the trick play signal.

The special technical feature of invention 3 is that the intra encoded pictures of the trick play signal are compressed versions of the intra encoded pictures of the digital video information signal.

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